Annual Reports

of the

TOWN of STRAFFORD

NEW HAMPSHIRE

1955

For the Year Ending

December 31, 1955

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

HIGHWAY AGENTS and

SCHOOL BOARD

OF THE TOWN OF

Strafford, N. H.

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1955

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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

CLYDE S. GRAY MAURICE H. CASWELL
OSCAR B. PRATT

Town Clerk

TRESSA P. NELSON

Treasurer

ROLAND S. BROWN

Tax Collector

FRED E. HUCKINS

Moderator

VIRGIL F. SCRIBNER

Supervisors of Check List

WILLIS G. BENNETT ROSCOE NELSON
ESTHER HENDERSON

Health Officer

ALBERT LEIGHTON

Auditors

ALBERT H. BROWN LESTER HUCKINS

School Board

HELEN BROWN MADALEEN LEIGHTON
THETIS V. SCRUTON

School Treasurer

ESTHER HENDERSON

School Auditors

WALTON STILES JOHN SCRIBNER

Trustees of Trust Funds

OSCAR B. PRATT PHILLIP STEDMAN
CHESTER SCRUTON

Librarian

RUTH HUCKINS

Library Trustees

MARTHA BENNETT ELLEN STILES
HATTIE FOSS

Fire Warden

CLYDE S. GRAY

Deputies

OSCAR B. PRATT GEORGE LEIGHTON
GEORGE VEATOR

Road Agent

E. GUY HUCKINS

Representative to General Court

ALBERT H. BROWN

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Strafford in the County of Strafford in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Strafford on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon (Polls close at 6 P.M.), to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Public Welfare, including Old Age Assistance and Soldiers' Aid.

4. To see whether the Town wishes to make any change in the rate of pay for labor on the highways.

5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.

6. To see if the Town will accept Town Road Aid and raise and appropriate the sum of Seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and twenty cents ($798.20).

7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Eight thousand dollars ($8,000.00), the town's share for State Aid construction of Parker Mountain Road.

8. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the purchase of a new road grader and appropriate money for the same.

9. To see if the town will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the town the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 101 of the Revised Statutes Annotated Amended by Chapters 301 and 332 of the Laws of 1955 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

10. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions filled by popular election.

11. To see if the town wishes to exclude from the plan services in any class or classes of positions the compensation for which is on a fee basis.

12. If a plan for Social Security coverage is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

13. That no person will hold the office of Select--man for more than two consecutive terms to become effective with this year's election to office March 13, 1956.—By Petition.

14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $108.54 which 1/100 of 1% of assessed valuation of the town in the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town in cooperation with other towns in the Lakes Region.

15. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

16. To see if the town will accept the report of the Soldiers' Memorial Committee and raise and appropriate any money for the same.

17. To see if the town will grant a two percent (2%) discount on property tax paid in full within thirty days of date of issue of Collector's warrant.

18. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

19. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

CLYDE S. GRAY
MAURICE H. CASWELL
OSCAR B. PRATT
Selectmen of Strafford

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land and Buildings		$1,004,045.00
Mature Wood and Timber		1,500.00
Electric Plants		81,522.00
Horses, Asses and Mules	33	1,735.00
Oxen	2	200.00
Cows	226	18,885.00
Other Neat Stock	75	4,320.00
Sheep and Goats	70	615.00
Hogs	6	150.00
Fowls	5,285	2,640.00
Boats and Launches	10	700.00
Portable Mills	2	900.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.		5,737.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		800.00
Stock in Trade		4,200.00
Aqueducts		1,000.00
Total Gross Valuation before Exemptions Allowed		$1,128.949.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to blind		43,525.00
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		$1,085,424.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1955	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1955	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1956
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	$1,499.22	$1,917.62	$2,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	24.83	97.57	100.00
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	5,048.79	4,110.51	5,453.40
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	200.00	216.20	200.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	4.50	3.00	6.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	343.54	177.04
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	100.00	14.00	50.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,500.00	3,381.10	3,500.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	732.00	524.00	524.00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	20.25	20.25	20.25
PROPERTY TAXES	$10,179.59	$10,628.66	$12,030.94
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			$76,786.85
TOTAL REVENUES			$79,817.79

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1955	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1955	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1956
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$2,450.00	$2,512.41	$2,600.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,100.00	1,093.43	1,100.00
Election and Registration Expenses	125.00	103.95	300.00
Social Security	125.00		125.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	352.50	298.58	300.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	25.00	15.00	25.00
Fire Department	525.00	515.76	525.00
Special Fire Appropriation	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Health:			
Health Department, Including Hospitals	25.00		25.00
Vital Statistics	5.00	6.50	6.50
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	150.00	84.00	150.00
Highways and Bridges:	10,000.00	10,118.45	11,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00	1,091.49	1,000.00
Town Road Aid	805.62	805.62	798.20
Libraries	42.50	42.50	42.50
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	400.00	255.08	400.00
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00	1,725.12	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	50.00	54.70	65.00
Soldiers and Memorial	500.00	500.00	500.00
Unclassified:			
Advertising and Regional Associations	101.00	101.00	108.54
Interest:	300.00	160.00	300.00
Highways and Bridges:	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,000.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Taxes	3,824.98	3,824.98	3,824.98
School Taxes	44,781.17	44,781.17	47,817.79
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$77,387.77	$76,689.74	$79,817.79

AMOUNT OF TAXES AND RATES

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

Public Service Co. of N. H.		$78,000.00
N. H. Electric Co-op. Inc.		3,522.00
		$81,522.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans		$43,425.00
Amount of property valuation exempted to blind		100.00
Number of inventories distributed	650	
Number of inventories returned	325	
Number of veterans who received property exemption	50	
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax	54	

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CLYDE S. GRAY

MAURICE H. CASWELL

OSCAR B. PRATT

Selectmen of Strafford, N. H.

August 15, 1955

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AND

TAXES ASSESSED

Appropriations	
Town Officers Salaries	$ 2,450.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,100.00
Social Security or Retirement	125.00
Election and Registration Expenses	125.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	352.50
Police Department	25.00
Fire Department	525.00
Civilian Defense — Special Fire Truck App.	1,000.00
Health Department	25.00
Dump and Garbage Collection	150.00
Vital Statistics	5.00
State Aid Construction	7,500.00
Town Road Aid	805.62
Town Maintenance	10,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,000.00
Libraries	42.50
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00
Public Relief	400.00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day	50.00
Cemeteries, Soldiers' Memorial Fund	500.00
Advertising and Regional Associations	101.00
Previous Years' Deficit — Interest	300.00
County Tax	3,824.98
School Tax	44,781.17
Total Town and School Appropriations	$77,387.77
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividends Tax $1,917.62	
Savings Bank Tax 24.83	

Reimbursement a/c Exemp. of Growing Wood and Timber	5,453.40	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	2,600.00	
Dog Licenses	200.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	3.00	
Int. on Taxes and Income from Trust Funds	10.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		10,208.85
		$67,178.92
Plus Overlay		823.62
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$68,002.54
Less: No. 343 of Poll Taxes at $2.00	686.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	20.25	
		706.25
Amount to be raised by property taxes		$67,296.29

Taxes to be Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	$67,296.29
Poll Taxes at $2.00	686.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	20.25
Taxes to be Committed	$68,002.54
Tax Rates—Town	$6.20

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	$2,450.00		$ 2,450.00	$ 2,512.41		$ 62.41
Town Officers Expense	1,100.00		1,100.00	1,093.43	$ 6.57	
Election and Registration Expense	125.00		125.00	103.95	21.05	
Town Hall and Other Buildings	352.50		352.50	298.58	53.92	
Police Department	25.00		25.00	15.00	10.00	
Fire Department	525.00	$ 53.29	578.29	515.76	62.53	
Special Fire Truck	1,000.00		1,000.00			
Health Department	25.00		25.00		25.00	
Care of Dump	150.00		150.00	84.00	66.00	
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	6.50		1.50
State Aid Construction—Parker Mt. Rd.	7,500.00		7,500.00			
Town Road Aid	805.62		805.62	805.62		
Highway Maintenance	10,000.00	1,524.09	11,524.09	11,642.54		118.45
General Expense of Highway Dept.	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,091.49		91.49
Libraries	42.50		42.50	42.50		
Public Welfare	400.00		400.00	255.08	144.92	
Old Age Assistance	2,200.00	75.92	2,275.92	1,725.12	550.80	
Memorial Day	50.00		50.00	54.70		4.70
Social Security or Retirement	125.00		125.00			
Soldiers Memorial Fund	500.00		500.00			
Regional Associations	101.00		101.00	101.00		
Interest	300.00		300.00	160.00	140.00	
County Tax	3,824.98		3,824.98	3,824.98		
School Tax	44,781.77		44,781.77	44,781.17		
	$77,387.77	$1,653.30	$79,041.07	$69,113.83	$1,080.79	$278.55
					278.55	
			Unexpended Balance		$ 802.24	

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

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CLYDE S. GRAY
MAURICE H. CASWELL
OSCAR B. PRATT
Selectmen

ROLAND S. BROWN
Treasurer

Assets

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	$39,133.12
In hands of officials 4-$1,000.00 Series G. Bonds	4,000.00
Accounts due to the Town—	
Due from State:	
1955 Yield Tax Reimb.	4,117.72
Other bills due Town:	
Austin-Cate Academy, heat and light for 1955	177.04
Unredeemed Taxes:	
Levy of 1955	2,935.59
Levy of 1954	721.76
Levy of 1953	648.64
Previous Years	950.10
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1955—Timber Tax	1,335.68
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1955	510.00
Total Assets	$54,529.65
Grand Total	$54,529.65

Liabilities

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Soldiers' Memorial Fund	$ 6,525.00
1954-55 Fire Truck App.	2,000.00
Town Dump App.	300.00
Balance Storer Rd. Acct.	493.70
Social Security or Retirement App.	125.00
Due to State:	
State Head Taxes—1955	510.00
Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation 1955-56	21,073.77
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts:	
Unexpended balance in Town Treasury	16,500.00
Trust Funds, Amount of Principal Used by Town:	
Austin Fund	4,000.00
Total Liabilities	$51,527.47
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	3,002.18
Grand Total	$54,529.65

Surplus, December 31, 1954	155.32
Surplus, December 31, 1955	3,002.18
Increase of Surplus	$ 2,846.86

UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION

Receipts

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes—Current Year—1955	$67,553.90	
Poll Taxes—Current Year—Regular at $2—1955	524.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes—1955	20.25	
State Head Taxes at $5—1955	1,545.00	
Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted		$69,643.15
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes—Previous Years		2,173.15
Poll Taxes—Previous Years—Regular at $2		118.00
State Head Taxes at $5—Previous Years		400.00
Interest received on Taxes		14.87
Penalties on State Head Taxes		47.00
Tax sales redeemed		2,618.51
From State:		
For Class V Highway Maintenance		1,524.09
Interest and dividends tax		1,917.67
Refund Tax Bills		11.78
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax		97.57
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber		2,724.40
Bounties		13.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance C. Pinkham		75.92
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
Dog licenses		216.20

Business licenses, permits and filing fees		3.00
Rent of town property		343.54
Registration of motor vehicles,		
1954 Permits	63.74	
Registration of motor vehicles,		
1955 Permits	3,317.36	
		3,381.10
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$85,322.90
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
Insurance adjustments	123.36	
Refunds	3.00	
Gifts from T. L. Storer for		
Road Repairs	1,000.00	
New Trust Funds received		
during year	100.00	
Sale of town property	2.50	
Refunds Forest Fires	53.29	
Interest on Series G Bonds	100.00	
Cancelled checks	10.55	
Total receipts other than Current Revenue		1,392.70
Total receipts from all sources		86,715.60
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1955		25,596.86
Grand Total		$112,312.46

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town officer's salaries	$2,512.41	
Town officer's expenses	1,093.43	
Election and registration expenses	103.95	
Expenses town hall and other		
town buildings	298.58	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police department	15.00	
Fire department, including		
forest fires	515.76	
Bounties	13.00	

Health:		
Vital Statistics	6.50	
Town dumps and garbage removal	84.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	805.62	
Town Maintenance	11,642.54	
Storer Road	506.30	
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,091.49	
Libraries:		
Libraries	42.50	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	1,725.12	
Town poor	255.08	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	104.70	
Total Payments	$20,815.98	
Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Associations	101.00	
Taxes bought by town	2,935.59	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,511.84	
Refund overpayment on 1954 Ret. Tax	71.75	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		$4,620.18
Interest:		
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	160.00	
Total Interest Payments		160.00

Indebtedness:		
Payment to trustees of trust funds (New Funds)	100.00	
Total Indebtedness Payments		100.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
State Head Taxes paid State Treas.	1,697.95	
Taxes paid to County	3,824.98	
Payments to School Districts	41,960.25	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		47,483.18
Total Payments for all Purposes		$73,179.34
Cash on hand December 31, 1955		39,133.12
Grand Total		$112,312.46

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	$ 3,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	500.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	2,000.00
Equipment	2,000.00
Highway Department	1,500.00
Materials and Supplies	1,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	3,500.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
James B. Green, Land, 5 acres	50.00
Joseph Caverly, Land, 3 acres	30.00
Walter Gilbert, Land, 12 acres	100.00
Frank Mooers, Land, 3 acres	15.00
Georgia Sargent Paige, Farm, 25 acres	1,000.00
Frank England Heirs, 1½ acre land	100.00
Albert Parker, 12 acre Johnson land	35.00
Total	$26,330.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts

1954 automobile fees	$ 71.24	
1955 automobile fees	3,566.36	
1954 dog licenses	5.00	
1955 dog licenses	232.00	
		$3,874.60

Disbursements

513 auto commissions at 50c	$ 256.50	
104 dog commissions at 20c	20.80	
		277.30
Paid Treasurer		$3,597.30

TRESSA P. NELSON

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1955	$25,596.86
Receipts, 1955	86,715.60
	$112,312.46

Payments

Payments, 1955	$ 73,179.34
Balance, December 31, 1955	39,133.12
	$112,312.46

On hand four $1,000. United States Savings Bonds, Series G.
Bank Book No. 65616—
Rochester Trust Co. $1,000.00

Town of Strafford, N. H.
New Construction Work—Parker Mt. Road

From T. L. Storer
Bank Book No. 59113—
Rochester Trust Co. $ 9.42

ROLAND S. BROWN
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

FRED E. HUCKINS, Coll.

Poll, Property & Yield Taxes

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Property Tax	$67,296.28
Poll Tax	686.00
Bank Stock Tax	20.25
Added Prop. Tax	1,178.00
Added Poll Tax	10.00
Interest	23.60
Total	$69,214.13

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:

Property Tax	$65,658.29
Poll Tax	514.00
Bank Stock Tax	20.25
Added Property Tax	1,178.00
Added Poll Tax	10.00
Interest	23.60
Abatements	625.87
Discounts	702.02
Uncollected Property Tax	310.10
Uncollected Poll Tax	172.00
Total	$69,214.13

Property Yield and Poll Taxes, 1954

Uncollected Taxes as of Dec. 31, 1955

Dr.

Yield Tax	$1,456.14

Property Tax	81.17
Poll Tax	164.00
Added Tax	9.97
Interest Collected	5.62
Total	$1,716.90

Remittance to Treasurer:

Cr.

Yield Tax Collected	$1,376.14
Poll Tax Collected	118.00
Property Tax Collected	81.17
Interest Collected	5.62
Poll Tax Uncollected	46.00
Abatement on Yield Tax	80.00
Added Yield Tax	9.97
Total	$1,716.90

State Head Tax 1954

Uncollected Tax as of Dec. 31, 1955

Dr.

Uncollected Tax	$450.00
Added Tax	10.00
Penalties	32.00
Total	$492.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer	$340.00
Added Tax	10.00
Penalties	32.00
Abatements	55.00
Uncollected	55.00
Total	492.00

State Head Tax

Levy of 1955

Dr.

Original Warrant	$2,010.00
Added Taxes	45.00
Penalties	10.00
Total	$2,065.00

Cr.

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Head Tax	$1,500.00
Added Tax	45.00
Penalties	10.00
Uncollected	510.00
Total	$2,065.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Local Taxes Current Year 1955

Aug. 6	Fred E. Huckins, N.B.S. Tax	$ 20.25
Aug. 6	Fred E. Huckins, 1955 Property Tax	12.50
Oct. 3	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	9,315.73
Oct. 10	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	8,350.65
Oct. 14	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	12,339.82
Oct. 17	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	5,345.53
Nov. 5	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	3,471.90
Nov. 5	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	62.00
Nov. 21	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	4,917.87
Nov. 28	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	8,045.79
Dec. 3	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	9,115.92
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	2,977.94
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Taxes Sold to Town	2,816.23
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Discounts on 1955 Tax	702.02
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Property Tax	80.00
		$67,574.15

Poll Taxes Current Year

Aug. 6	Fred E. Huckins	$142.00
Sept. 6	Fred E. Huckins	30.00
Oct. 3	Fred E. Huckins	32.00
Oct. 17	Fred E. Huckins	66.00
Nov. 5	Fred E. Huckins	32.00
Dec. 3	Fred E. Huckins	180.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	42.00
		$524.00

Property and Polls Previous Years

Feb. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Tax	$81.17
Feb. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	14.00
Mar. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	6.00
Apr. 2	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	64.00

May 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	16.00
June 2	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	2.00
Aug. 6	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	10.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Polls	6.00
		$199.17

Yield Taxes

Feb. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	528.80
Mar. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	357.48
May 7	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	340.00
June 4	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	54.07
Oct. 3	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	54.00
Nov. 5	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	14.70
Nov. 3	Fred E. Huckins, 1954	37.06
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins,1954 Disc. and Abatements	705.87
		$2,091.98

Interest Received on Taxes

Apr. 2	Fred E. Huckins	$.24
July 4	Fred E. Huckins	1.20
Oct. 3	Fred E. Huckins	2.50
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	9.01
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins	1.92
		$14.87

From State of N. H.

Aug. 12	Gas Tax	$1,524.09
Aug. 12	Int. and Div. Tax	1,917.62
Sept. 6	Recovery O.A.A.	75.92
Sept. 6	1954 Timber Tax	2,724.40
Dec. 3	Bounties for 1954	13.00
Dec. 31	Reimbursement Head Tax Bill	11.78
Dec. 31	Savings Bank Tax	97.57
		$6,364.38

Head Taxes

Feb. 5	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	$ 30.50
Mar. 5	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	16.50
Apr. 2	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	219.50
May 7	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	49.50
June 4	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	5.50
July 1	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Abatements	55.00
Aug. 6	F. E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax and Penalties	33.00
Aug. 6	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	395.00
Sept. 6	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	110.00
Oct. 3	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	100.00
Oct. 17	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	195.00
Nov. 5	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	80.00
Dec. 3	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax	530.00
Dec. 31	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax and Penalties	145.00
Dec. 31	F. E. Huckins, 1955 Head Tax and Penalties	27.50
		$1,992.00

From Local Sources, Except Taxes

Dog Licenses

May 7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1954 Dogs	$28.00
Aug. 6	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Dogs	188.00
Dec. 31	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Dogs	.20
		$216.20

Business Licenses and Permits

Received during year	Pistol Permits	$ 3.00

Trust Funds

May 7	Forest L. Nutter (Waldron & Caswell)	$100.00

Rent of Town Property

Dec. 31	Austin Cate Academy	$343.54

Registration of Motor Vehicles

Jan. 3	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	$ 62.09
Feb. 5	Tressa P. Nelson, 1954-1955 Autos	197.29
Mar. 5	Tressa P. Nelson, 1954-1955 Autos	318.27
Apr. 2	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	1,650.60
May 7	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	250.50
Aug. 6	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	403.49
Sept. 6	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	72.96
Oct. 3	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	130.02
Nov. 5	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	199.43
Dec. 3	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	37.58
Dec. 31	Tressa P. Nelson, 1955 Autos	58.87
		$3,381.10

Refunds

Mar. 5	Refund on Salt	$ 2.50
June 4	Fred Noonan	36.10
July 1	Leopold Allard	17.19
Dec. 3	Old Checks Cancelled	10.55
Dec. 20	F. L. Kendall Agency, Return Premium	123.36
		$192.70

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue

Nov. 27	T. L. Storer	$1,000.00
Dec. 31	U. S. Naval Base Combined Charities	3.00

Interest on U. S. Government Bonds

Feb. 5	Treasurer of U.S.A.	$ 25.00
Mar. 5	Treasurer of U.S.A.	12.50
Aug. 6	Treasurer of U.S.A.	37.50
Sept. 6	Treasurer of U.S.A.	12.50
Dec. 31	Treasurer of U.S.A.	12.50
		$100.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Clyde S. Gray, Selectman	$ 557.00
Maurice H. Caswell, Selectman	576.00
Oscar B. Pratt, Selectman	406.00
Tressa P. Nelson, Clerk	75.00
Fred E. Huckins, Collector	750.41
Roland S. Brown, Treasurer	100.00
Albert H. Brown, Auditor	24.00
Merle D. Penney, Auditor	24.00
	$2,512.41

Town Officers' Expense

Clyde S. Gray,used car, tel. and exp.	$ 48.53
Maurice H. Caswell, used car, tel. and exp.	54.59
Oscar B. Pratt, tel.	3.00
Tressa P. Nelson, auto permit fee, tel. and supp.	22.00
Fred E. Huckins, expense as Collector	33.00
Ann Dube, mortgage reports	15.00
Ass. of N. H. Assessors	3.00
Linnell Press, printing '54 reports	401.00
Anna Dube, R. E. transfer cards	20.80
Frank L. Kendall Agency, town officers' bonds	92.50
Frank L. Kendall Agency, money policy	114.22
Frank L. Kendall Agency, 2nd installment	77.23
Jordan Marsh Co., metal case	3.98
Studley Flower Gardens	6.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, town officers' supp.	129.62
C. M. Hill & Sons, town officers' supp.	24.61
N. H. Tax Collectors Assoc.	3.00
Wheeler & Clark	3.25
U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	8.00
Harry Y. Parshley, Morse Case	8.00
Sargent Bros. Tax Bills	22.10
	$1,093.43

Election and Registration

Record Press, Ballots	$ 15.95
Virgil Scribner (Moderator)	8.00
Henry Hayes, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Arthur Hayes, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Hattie Foss, Ballot Clerk	8.00
Esther R. Henderson (Supervisor)	20.00
Walter Y. Bennett (Supervisor)	20.00
Roscoe C. Nelson (Estate)	16.00
	$103.95

Town Hall

Northwood Hardware	$ 2.14
Meader's (Flag)	10.35
Pinkham's (Slabs)	10.00
Strafford County Gas Co.	156.80
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	75.35
Public Co. of N. H.	41.24
Clyde S. Gray	2.70
	$298.58

Police

Sumner B. Hayes	$ 5.00
Leland L. Waterhouse	10.00
	$15.00

Fire and Forest Fires

Jan. 21	Carpenter Mfg. Co. (Batteries)	$ 10.01
Jan. 21	Frank L. Kendall Agency (Truck)	7.50
Apr. 2	Mass. Bonding & Insurance (Fire)	130.50
May 7	Bunnells Garage	17.82
May 7	Blanchard Associates Inc. (Pump repair)	22.81
May 7	Clyde S. Gray (Warden)	81.59
Nov. 10	Sumer B. Hayes (Gustafson. Fire)	10.00
Nov. 10	Edwin King (Gustafson Fire)	10.00

Dec. 3	Frank L. Kendall Agency	92.00
Dec. 31	Bunnells Garage	18.61
	Public Service Co. of N. H. (Paid during year)	21.02
	Victor E. Paige & Son (Paid during year)	93.90
		$515.76

Refunds

Jan. 4	Fred J. Noonan	$36.10
July 1	Leopold Allard	17.19
		$53.29

Bounties

Paid out during year	$13.00

Vital Statistics

Dec. 31	Tressa P. Nelson	$6.50

Health Dept.

Aug. 6	Tasker Bros., cleaning dump	$56.00
Dec. 3	Tasker Bros., cleaning dump	28.00
		$84.00

Highways — Summer

May 7	E. Guy Huckins	$ 100.00
	Town of Barnstead	53.00
	Walter Wells	28.00
	Floyd Carson	25.70
	Gordon Foss	67.50
	E. Guy Huckins	349.50
	Burton Hayes	166.40
	Albert Foss	70.20
	Clyde Huse	19.35
	Wendell Huse	18.90
	Albert Huse Jr.	7.20
	Alice Tasker	4.95
	Chester Demerritt	48.00

	John Knight	52.00
	Arthur Tasker	10.95
	Lewis P. Hanson	90.20
	H. Wesley Brown	10.35
	Arthur Bergner	24.00
	Henry Bergner	10.80
	Alberton Berry	199.20
	Arthur Dunley	150.70
	Thomas Mahan	8.10
	Elizabeth Horn	3.30
June 4	Kenneth Allen	13.65
June 4	Granite State Asphalt Products Co.	145.02
	E. G. Huckins	315.00
	Burton Hayes	122.40
	Albert Foss	115.20
	Lester Huckins	17.50
	Ben Deroska	31.50
	R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	151.24
	George Braase	27.00
June 24	George Braase	25.65
July 1	Granite State Asphalt Products Co.	149.52
	E. Guy Huckins	187.50
	Burton Hayes	92.60
	Albert Foss	7.20
	Ralph Brown	7.00
Aug. 6	Kenneth Allen	6.25
	M. H. Caswell (Camp Roads)	45.90
	Floyd Carson	28.05
	John A. Chapman	29.70
	Lewis P. Hanson	29.70
	Wesley Brown	4.50
	Tasker Bros.	72.00
	W. C. Demerritt	27.50
	E. Guy Huckins	200.80
	Victor Huse	7.20
Aug. 6	Wendall Huse	10.80

	Burton Hayes	7.20
Sept. 6	E. Guy Huckins	165.00
	Victor Huse	79.00
	Wendall Huse	36.00
	Francis Tasker	35.00
	Petrometal Industries	29.31
Oct. 3	E. Guy Huckins	136.00
	Victor Huse	39.60
	Henry Burgner	25.20
	Arthur Burgner	25.20
	Radford Messenger	5.40
Nov. 5	Kenneth Allen	5.25
	Granite State Asphalt Products Co., Inc.	40.92
	E. Guy Huckins	181.00
	George Veator	134.75
	Theodore Storer	9.87
Dec. 3	W. J. Vickers	64.20
	Tasker Bros.	10.00
Dec. 31	State of New Hampshire Overdraft on T.R.A.	194.55
		$4,612.13

Highways — Winter

Jan. 21	Merrimack Farmers Exchange	$ 533.60
	Ayers & Jenkins Co.	22.89
	Maurice H. Caswell	120.30
	Henry Burgner	27.45
	Arthur Burgner	27.45
	Arthur Dunley	250.00
Feb. 2	Arthur Dunley	153.65
	Wilbur Frost	5.40
	Albert Foss	79.20
	Burton Hayes	8.10
	Clarence Rowe	46.80
	Alberton Berry	10.30
	Kenneth Berry	1.80

	Gene Spinnelli	6.30
	Fred Vroman	.90
	E. Guy Huckins	225.00
	Burton Hayes	95.20
	Radford Messenger	11.30
	Sumner Hayes	9.00
	John Knight	20.30
	Lewis P. Hanson	34.00
	Wesley Brown	11.35
	Kenneth Allen, Sand	18.90
	Maurice H. Caswell	38.00
Mar. 5	Kenneth Allen	29.75
	C. M. Hill & Sons	2.41
	Bunnells Garage	19.00
	Maurice H. Caswell	431.90
	Robert Hodges	2.70
	Henry Burgner	54.90
	Arthur Burgner	54.90
	E. Guy Huckins	526.00
	Lee Messenger	9.00
	Radford Messenger	3.60
	John Knight	22.80
	Burton Hayes	125.10
	F. J. Berry Co.	20.00
	W. P. Frost	1.80
	Arthur Sunley	537.50
	Wilbur Frost	95.40
	Albert Foss	21.60
	Alberton Berry	11.70
	Melvin Paterson	4.50
	Fred Vroman	1.80
	Max Merritt	1.80
	Burton Hayes	3.60
	Lewis P. Hanson	19.70
	H. Wesley Brown	7.65
Apr. 2	Kenneth Allen	40.60
	M. H. Caswell	205.00
	Robert Hodges	5.40
	Henry Burgner	27.00

	Arthur Burgner	22.50
	E. Guy Huckins	305.50
	George Quinton	4.50
	Sumner Hayes	3.60
	Lester Huckins	64.50
	Max Merritt	4.50
	Richard Nelson	5.40
	Burton Hayes	57.60
	Radford Messenger	24.00
	John Knight	18.85
	Fred Vroman	4.50
	Edward Ratundi	10.00
	Arthur Dunley	345.95
	Wilbur Frost	27.00
	Woodroe Messer	18.90
	Albert Foss	58.50
	Melvin Paterson	4.50
	Thomas Mahan	9.00
	James Rowe	1.80
May 7	Bunnells Garage	12.00
	Kenneth Allen	80.35
Dec. 3	Maurice H. Caswell	90.10
	E. Guy Huckins	266.00
	Arthur Dunley	49.70
	Sumner Hayes	32.40
	Carl Hill	32.40
	Arthur Burgner	21.60
	Henry Burgner	21.60
	Arthur Tasker	18.60
	Alice Tasker	8.10
	Floyd Carson	7.50
	John Horan	.90
	Lewis P. Hanson	71.75
	Wesley Brown	37.90
Dec. 31	E. Guy Huckins	273.50
	Sumner Hayes	12.60
	Burton Hayes	2.70
	Herbert Clark	3.60
	Edward King	7.20

Radford Messenger	8.10
Robert Huckins	1.80
George Veator	3.60
Wendell Huse	2.70
Maurice H. Caswell	262.10
Henry Burgner	25.20
Arthur Burgner	40.50
Wesley Brown	1.80
Arthur Dunley	141.35
John Horan	36.00
Kenneth Allen	37.10
Lewis P. Hanson	3.50
Wesley Brown	1.80
	$6,651.45

Highway General Expense

Feb.	5	C. M. Hill & Sons	$ 10.73
		Brown's Machine Shop	13.80
		R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	35.00
Mar.	5	Brown's Machine Shop	51.14
Apr.	2	Brown's Machine Shop	189.29
		C. M. Hill & Sons	28.62
May	7	Frank L. Kendall Ins.	46.25
		C. M. Hill & Sons	69.99
		Brown Machine Shop	106.06
		R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	173.07
June	4	Brown Machine Co.	10.30
		C. M. Hill & Sons	48.06
		Bunnells Garage	12.14
		Merrimack Farmers Ex. Inc.	2.53
July	1	Charles W. Varney & Co.	99.88
		Bunnells Garage	20.26
		Ayers & Jenkins	1.58
Aug.	6	V. H. Cogswell Inc.	1.64
		Signal Auto Supply Inc.	4.63
		R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	4.72

	C. M. Hill & Sons	70.22
Sept. 6	C. M. Hill & Sons	58.76
Oct. 3	Brown's Machine Shop	7.32
	R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	16.68
	Bunnells Garage	35.24
	C. M. Hill & Sons	15.27
Nov. 5	Brown's Machine Shop	28.40
	Bunnells Garage	10.52
	C. M. Hill & Sons	32.17
	Charles W. Varney & Co.	206.38
Dec. 3	Brown Machine Shop	15.13
	C. M. Hill & Sons	40.92
Dec. 31	Ayers & Jenkins	3.75
		$1,470.45

Storer Road

Nov. 27	Mr. Ted Storer gave town $1,000 for Road Repairs	
Dec. 3	Maurice H. Caswell	$102.00
	Ascor B. Pratt	23.00
	Arthur Dunley	54.00
	Lewis P. Hanson	62.70
	Robert Davis	70.20
	Tasker Bros.	194.40
		$506.30

Summary of Highway Account

Summer Highways		$ 4,612.13
Winter Highways		6,651.45
General Expenses		1,470.45
Storer Road		506.30
		$13,240.33
Credit for Supplies		2.50
Actual Expenditures		$13,237.80
1955 Appropriation	$11,000.00	

1955 Gas Tax		1,524.09	
1955 T. L. Storer (Gift)		1,000.00	
			$13,524.09

1955 *Town Road Aid Acct.*

Sept. 6	State of N. H. 1955 App.	$ 805.62

Libraries

Dec. 3	Ruth Huckins' 1955 App.	$ 42.50

Old Age Assistance

Order paid to State of N. H. during year	$ 1,725.12

Public Welfare

Orders paid during year	$ 255.08

Memorial Day

May 7	Eagle Flag & Toy Co.	$ 27.70
June 4	Albert H. Brown (Decorating graves)	27.00
Dec. 31	N. H. Marine Memorial Commission	50.00

Trust Funds

May 7	Trustee of Trust Funds (Caswell Waldron Fund) Gift by Forest L. Nutter	$ 100.00

Regional Associations

Nov. 5	Lakes Region Assoc. of N. H. ('55 App.)	$ 101.00

Refunds

Aug. 6	Fred E. Huckins (Double payment Bank Stock Tax)	$ 20.25
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins (Overpayment in 1955 on 1954 Redeemed Taxes)	71.75
		$ 92.00

Taxes Bought by Town

Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins 1955 Taxes	$ 2,935.59

Discounts and Abatements

Apr. 2	Eugene Wyatt, Abatement	$	11.48
Apr. 2	Walter Pennell, Abatement		17.22
July 1	Fred E. Huckins, 1954 Head Tax Abatement		55.00
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, Abatement on 1954 Yield & Property Tax		705.87
Dec. 31	Fred E. Huckins, 1955 Discounts		702.02

Head Taxes

July 1	State of N. H.—1954 List	$	295.63
Aug. 6	State of N. H.—1954 List		49.50
Sept. 6	State of N. H.—1955 List		454.50
Dec. 31	State of N. H.—1955 List		898.32
		$	1,697.95

Interest

Dec. 31	Austin Cate Academy, Int. on Austin Fund	$	160.00

County Tax

Dec. 3	Leo Cormier, Treas.	$	3,824.98

Schools

Feb. 5	Esther Henderson, Treas.	$	3,500.00
Mar. 5	Esther Henderson, Treas.		3,500.00
Apr. 2	Esther Henderson, Treas.		4,000.00
May 7	Esther Henderson, Treas.		4,000.00
June 4	Esther Henderson, Treas., Bal. 1954-1955 App.		3,252.85
June 24	Esther Henderson, Treas.		107.40
Aug. 6	Esther Henderson, Treas.		100.00
Sept. 24	Esther Henderson, Treas.		4,000.00
Oct. 3	Esther Henderson, Treas.		4,500.00
Nov. 5	Esther Henderson, Treas.		4,000.00
Dec. 3	Esther Henderson, Treas.		6,000.00
Dec. 31	Esther R. Henderson		5,000.00
	Total payments during year		$41,960.25

Jan. 1	Balance due Schools:		
	1954-1955	$18,252.85	
	1955-1956	$44,781.17	
		63,034.02	
	Payments during year	41,960.25	
Balance due Schools 1955-1956 year			$21,073.77

REPORT OF AUDITORS

We hereby certify that we have made an examination of the books and records of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds, for the year ending December 31, 1955. That in our opinion the accompanying statements of the Town Officers set forth the financial condition of the Town of Strafford and the results of their operations for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ALBERT H. BROWN

LESTER E. HUCKINS

Auditors

Strafford, New Hampshire

January 20, 1956

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS FOR DEC. 31, 1955

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first those trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Whether bank deposits, Stocks, bonds, etc. If common trust—So State)	Balance Beginning Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Per-cent	Amt.	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1884	Austin Fund	Austin Cate Academy	Town Note	$4,000.00	----------	4	$160.00	$160.00	----------
1886	Lavina Young	Town School	U. S. Bond	1,000.00	----------	2½	25.00	25.00	----------
1917	Mary J. Wain	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	400.00	31.21	2½	10.00	6.00	35.21
6/7/1919	Betsy Welch	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	45.52	2½	5.00	----------	50.52
6/3/1921	Nancy Perkins	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	9.08	2½	2.50	----------	11.58
10/2/1921	Betsy Hawkins	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	5.01	2½	2.50	5.00	2.51
11/3/1921	Samuel Jenness	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	38.05	2½	5.00	5.00	38.05
11/7/1922	Abbie Seavey	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	11.34	2½	2.50	5.00	8.84
6/6/1925	Paul Hayes	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	50.00	7.01	2½	1.25	2.50	5.76
6/6/1925	John Babb	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	12.92	2½	2.50	----------	15.42
6/2/1926	Ella Waterhouse	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	30.03	2½	5.00	5.00	30.03
6/2/1926	Eliza Garfield	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	150.00	24.12	2½	3.75	3.00	24.87
4/2/1927	D. W. Smith	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	2.65	2½	2.50	3.00	2.15
4/21/1927	Abbie Caverly	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	21.83	2½	2.50	----------	24.33
4/2/1927	John W. Jewell	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	3.33	2½	2.50	2.00	3.83
4/2/1927	John D. Clark	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	55.45	2½	2.50	----------	57.95
9/10/1930	Robert L. Foss	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	10.43	2½	2.50	----------	12.93
9/2/1933	Herbert Foss	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	5.00	2½	5.00	5.00	5.00
8/4/1934	Ella F. Holmes	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	2.50	2½	2.50	----------	5.00
12/10/1937	Dearborn Caswell	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	37.54	2½	5.00	----------	42.54
12/10/1937	James Walker	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	100.00	----------	2½	2.50	2.50	----------
8/12/1944	Fred Stanton	Cemetery	U. S. Bond	200.00	64.50	2½	5.00	2.50	67.00
9/6/1950	Elizabeth Hartwell	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank, Concord, N. H.	100.00	6.42	3	3.07	3.00	6.49
3/5/1950	Llewellyn Ham	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank, Concord, N. H.	200.00	13.69	3	6.14	12.00	7.83
10/22/1954	John Waldron	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank, Concord, N. H.	100.00	----------	3	3.02	----------	3.02
5/11/1955	Waldron & Caswell	Cemetery	N. H. Savings Bank, Concord, N. H.	100.00	----------	3	----------	----------	----------
					$437.63		$269.73	$246.50	$460.86

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955		$ 129.36
Received from Town		42.50
Int. on bank book		3.30
		$ 175.16
Insurance	$ 8.00	
Books	10.08	
Librarian Salary	25.00	
		43.08
		$ 132.08
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956		$ 132.08

Ruth A. Huckins, Librarian

Trust Fund in Trust Bank of Rochester Jan. 1, 1955	$1,619.37
Interest on bank book	46.88
Total Trust Fund Jan. 1, 1956	$1,666.25

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the town of Strafford qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the thirteenth day of March 1956, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the report of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district,

and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

For the Official Attested Warrant see Posted Copies.

Given under our hand at said Strafford this 14th day of February 1956.

HELEN C. BROWN

MADALEEN S. LEIGHTON

THETIS V. SCRUTON

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S COMPARATIVE BUDGET

EXPENDITURES

	Adopted Budget 1955-56	Proposed Budget 1956-57
Administration:		
Salaries of district officers	$ 416.00	$ 416.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	416.90	342.56
Tax for state-wide supervision	340.00	350.00
Salaries of other admin. personnel	229.01	248.89
Admin. supplies and expenses	200.00	200.00
Instruction:		
Teachers' salaries	7,964.00	8,390.00
Textbooks	375.00	375.00
Scholars' supplies	325.00	375.00
Other expenses of instruction	140.00	150.00
Operation of School Plant:		
Salaries of janitors	216.00	216.00
Fuel	600.00	600.00
Water, light and janitors' supplies	200.00	200.00
Maintenance of School Plant:		
Repairs and replacements	400.00	400.00
Auxiliary Activities:		
Health supervision	425.00	431.00
Transportation	9,000.00	9,000.00
Tuition, high school	14,175.00	16,500.00
Tuition, elementary	8,295.00	8,440.00
Special activities	30.00	50.00
Fixed Charges:		
Retirement	554.26	594.62
Insurance and treasurer's bond	5.00	68.00
Contingency Fund:	300.00	300.00
TOTAL CURRENT EXPENSES	$ 44,606.17	$ 47,647.07
Capital Outlay:		
New Equipment	200.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	$ 44,806.17	$ 47,647.07
RECEIPTS		
Trust Funds	25.00	25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS (Other than property tax)	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	44,781.17	47,622.07
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	$ 44,806.17	$ 47,647.07

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Strafford:

In September 1955, the school enrollment in Strafford was as follows:

School	Grade	Pupils	Teacher	Room
Center	1	11	Mrs. Ada Hayes	
Center	2	12		23
Bow Lake	3	14	Mrs. Martha Z. Bennett	
Bow Lake	4	17		31
Crown Point	5	14	Mrs. Hattie M. Foss	
Crown Point	6	13		27
Austin-Cate	7	25	Departmentalized	
Academy	8	16		41
Music			Mrs. Sadie L. Merriam	
Teacher-nurse			Miss Myrtle Fletcher, RN	
			Total	122

Strafford district pupils attending secondary schools are as follows:

School Grade	IX	X	XI	XII	Total
Austin-Cate Academy	13	14	8	9	44
Spaulding High		2			2
Dover Area Vocational	1		3	2	6
Total	14	16	11	11	52

In reading my predecessor's annual report it is noted that the voters rejected the proposal for a new centralized school building. However, it is gratifying to also note that a committee has been appointed, under the chairmanship of Mr. Austin L. Olney, for long range planning.

Strafford, like other communities in the state, apparently is not in a position to meet its educational obligation alone, however, by employing the combined bonding capacity of several former school districts constituting a cooperative school organization would provide ordinarily a sufficient total assessed valuation to meet the cost of needed new building construction.

The enrollments of cooperative school districts are large enough to keep the unit costs per pupil or per classroom reasonable, economical, and justifiable to the taxpayer.

The tax rates on property to retire necessary bonded indebtedness are not excessive because they are spread over a large district assessment.

The costs of new school building construction are equalized among the several districts because the tax levy is made according to the ability to pay.

An act of the legislature in 1955 amending chapter 140 of the Revised Laws (chapter 198, RSA) makes it possible for cooperative districts to receive a sum equal to forty percent of the amount of the annual payment of principal on all outstanding loans of the school district, moreover, it is very likely that Congress will pass legislation at this session which should be very substantial.

The Citizens of Strafford and surrounding communities are urged to review the possibilities of a cooperative district and to cooperate with Mr. Austin Olney and his committee. The trend of the future is the cooperative school district in N. H.

In conclusion, allow me to thank the school board, townspeople, teachers, and pupils for their hearty support and cooperation in my first year as your superintendent of schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RAMON MARTINEAU

Superintendent of Schools

January 26, 1956

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954		$ 2,908.35
Received from Selectmen:		
Current Appropriation	$31,852.85	
Special Appropriations (including deficit approp.)	1,400.00	
Advance on Next Year's Appropriation	107.40	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	2,207.30	
Received as Income from Trust Funds	25.00	
Received from All Other Sources	117.58	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$35,710.13
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCA LYEAR		$38,618.48
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID		$38,608.48
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1955		10.00

ESTHER R. HENDERSON
District Treasurer

June 30, 1955

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Strafford of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955 and find them correct in all respects.

WALTON A. STILES
JOHN W. SCRIBNER
Auditors

July 5, 1955

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1954 — June 30, 1955

Receipts

Cash on hand July 1, 1954	$ 2,908.35
State Aid	2,207.30
Appropriations	31,852.85
Young Fund	25.00
C. W. Doe School Supplies	7.58
Rebate from A. C. A.—	
Rinehart System	100.00
Advance on 55-56 appropriations	107.40
Special appropriations	1,400.00
Rebate on Transportation	10.00
	$38,618.48

Payments

Salaries of District Officers		
Thetis Scruton	$	76.00
Helen Brown		76.00
Madaleen Leighton		70.00
Esther Henderson		76.00
Oscar Pratt		7.00
Albert Brown		3.00
John Scribner		2.50
Halton Stiles		2.50
	$	313.00
*Superintendent's Salary**	$	329.48
Truant officer and census		
Leonard Davis	$	20.00
Union Secretary		160.33
	$	180.33
Administration		
Edson Eastman	$	20.75

N. H. State Dept. of Education	2.00
Paul E. Farnum	10.00
Superintendent's Travel in Union	70.48
Administrative supplies and expenses	38.76
Helen Brown — bookkeeper	25.00
Helen Brown — stamped envelopes	5.00
Helen Brown — Telephone	.75
	$ 172.74

Teachers' Salaries

Rinehart Handwriting System	$ 400.00
Hattie M. Foss	2,023.65
Sadie L. Merriam	378.94
Martha Z. Bennett	2,224.00
Ada D. Hayes	2,325.76
Priscilla Ayer	314.80
Florys Smith	65.00
Mrs. John Brant	6.56
Ruth Ambrose	16.00
Miriam Chadbourne	16.00
	$ 7,770.71

Textbooks

Laidlaw Bros.	$ 8.92
Charles Scribner	2.08
Ginn & Co.	12.40
Scott, Foresman	13.44
Houghton Mifflin	21.34
Follett Publishing Co.	13.56
Beckley Cardy Co.	4.77
Charles E. Merrill	3.69
Encyclopedia Britannica	90.06
Field Enterprises	1.50
Carl J. Leibel	8.10
	$ 179.86

Scholars Supplies

Benton Review Publishing Co.	$	6.16
Milton Bradley		99.08
N. H. Educ. Assoc.		18.00
Ginn & Co.		16.96
Webster Publishing Co.		15.69
E. M. Hale & Co.		5.85
McCormick-Mathers Publishing Co.		23.04
D. C. Heath & Co.		13.72
Houghton-Mifflin Co.		45.27
American Book Co.		12.79
American Educ. Publicity		29.50
Follett Publishing Co.		8.54
Charles E. Merrill, books		6.63
Parents Institute Inc.		3.00
J. L. Hammett		59.20
Arthur Lee Co.		9.50
Cascade Paper Co.		3.77
	$	376.70

Other Expenses of Instruction

Milton Bradley	$	1.50
Farmington News		3.75
National School Public Relations		4.00
J. L. Hammett		5.52
Tri State Office Equipment		5.15
World Book Co.		27.56
A. H. Rice		8.00
	$	55.48

Janitor Service

Edwin King	$	70.80
Hattie Foss		46.00
Priscilla Ayer		6.80
Mrs. John Brant		.40

Martha Bennett		72.00
	$	196.00

Fuel

Victor E. Page & Son	$	467.25
Pinkham Express		5.00
Clyde Gray		39.00
Public Service Co.		17.67
	$	528.92

Water, light and janitor supplies

Edward Canter	$	8.82
Thetis Scruton		.89
Ayers & Jenkins		9.46
Crossley Electric Co.		9.23
J. L. Hammett		60.80
Madeleen Leighton		.80
Martha Bennett		1.65
Public Service		114.96
	$	206.61

Minor Repairs

J. L. Hammett	$	4.97
Truman Dean		32.04
Thetis Scruton		10.00
Frank W. Johnson		88.13
Alberton Berry		43.50
Burton Hayes		2.00
Edwin W. King		3.00
Gloria Hayes		10.00
George Veator		3.50
Madaleen Leighton		14.00
Lewis Hanson		15.00
Gardner & Son		33.75
W. G. Bennett		4.00

George Quinton	10.70
Harold Stiles	15.00
Carl Frey	5.00
Leonard Davis	3.00
	$ 297.59

Medical Inspection

Myrtle Fletcher	$ 378.90
P. Lebranche Inc.	8.42
	$ 387.32

Transportation

Virgil Scribner	$ 2,455.00
Herbert Clark	3,260.00
Lewis Hanson	3,090.00
	$ 8,805.00

Tuition

High School — A. C. A.	$10,365.26
Elementary	$ 6,216.64
Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation	27.00
	$ 6,243.64

Insurance

Frank L. Kendall	$ 5.00

Retirement

F. N. Timm	$ 31.25
N. H. Teachers Retirement	482.36
	$ 513.71

New Equipment

Crossley Electric Co.	$ 389.42
N. H. Fence Co.	37.50
W. G. Bennett	5.00
Paris Manufacturing Co.	134.30

Norcor Manufacturing Co.	768.00
J. L. Hammett	14.91
	$ 1,349.13

Per Capita Tax

Treasurer State of N. H.	$ 332.00
Total Receipts	$38,618.48
Total Payments	$38,608.48
Balance on hand July 1, 1955	$10.00

THETIS SCRUTON

HELEN BROWN

MADALEEN LEIGHTON

School Board

* Salary of Superintendent, 1954-55 (Chapter 243, Section 5, New Hampshire Laws of 1953): Northwood, $439.73; Farmington, $1,394.50; Barrington, $357.17; Epsom, $275.15; Milton, $712.73; Nottingham, $231.24; Strafford, $329.48; State of New Hampshire (per capita tax), $2,500.00

TOTAL — $6,240.00

REPORT OF POLIO VACCINE CLINICS

The following is a report of the Polio Vaccine Clinics held during the year 1955.

Number of clinics held 2

Strafford children transported to Rochester where clinics were held

Number of Strafford children who received TWO injections of the vaccine 35

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4, excluding the children in the 3rd grade who received the vaccine in 1954 Field Trials

Number of Strafford Children who received ONE Booster injection 4

These children, 2nd graders in 1954, received the three injections of vaccine in the Vaccine Field Trials in 1954.

ROSE H. BEHAN, R. N.
Public Health Nurse
Strafford County

SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 44

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956-57

School opens September 5, 1956

Session Days

September	5 through	December 21	74 days
January	2 through	February 15	33 days
March	1 through	April 23	40 days
May	3 through	June 13	33 days
			180 days

No school days

September	4—Teachers' Workshop
October	12—Columbus Day
October	18—Teachers' Institute
	19
November	11—Amistice Day
November	22—Thanksgiving Recess
	23
May	31—Memorial Day

One Session Days

*September 17—Rochester Fair
November 21—Beginning of Thanksgiving Recess
December 21—Beginning of Christmas Vacation
**March 30—Good Friday

School closes June 13, 1957

Emergency days are to be made up at the end of the year. 180 School days are required by law and schools may close in June when this total is reached.

* Barrington, Farmington, Milton and Strafford.
** Farmington

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

Date of Birth 1955	Place of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Sex	Color	No. of Child	Living	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Place of Birth Father	Mother
Jan. 21	Rochester	Martha A. Readio	F	L	3	W	Stuart M. Readio	Margaret A. Tracy	Strafford	N. H. Air National Guard	Framingham, Mass.	Megalloway Plantation, Me.
Feb. 4	Rochester	Nancy J. Clark	F	L	2	W	Errol D. Clark	Erma J. Messenger	Strafford	Unemployed	Strafford, N. H.	Malden, Mass.
22	Rochester	Ronald S. Riley	M	L	1	W	Ronald N. Riley	Dorothea E. Bergstrom	Strafford	General Electric	Charlestown, Mass.	Saugus, Mass.
June 4	Rochester	Patricia A. Thorne	F	L	3	W	George W. Thorne	Olive H. Shiere	Strafford	Postmaster	Northwood, N. H.	Cambridge, Mass.
Aug. 14	Rochester	Robin E. Wheeler	F	L	2	W	Richard E. Wheeler	Mary J. Ignico	Strafford	Harley's Restaurant	Lexington, Mass.	Malden, Mass.
Sept. 12	Rochester	Mary A. Leighton	F	L	4	W	Roger S. Leighton	Margaret J. Riddervold	Strafford	Forester	Strafford, N. H.	Oslo, Norway
25	Rochester	Margaret A. Cook	F	L	3	W	Joseph F. Cook, III	Barbara C. Dower	Strafford	Engineer	Boston, Mass.	Wakefield, Mass.
22	Kittery	George F. Young	M	L	1	W	John B. Young	Carolyn Foss	Strafford	U. S. Army	Rochester, N. H.	Rochester, N. H.
Nov. 12	Rochester	Kenneth J. Chadwick	M	L	1	W	George L. Chadwick	Virginia S. Tibbetts	Strafford	Contractor	New London, N. H.	Strafford, N. H.

Marriages Recorded In The Town Of STRAFFORD, N. H., FOR The Year Ending December 31, 1955

Date and Place of Marriage 1955	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents		Condition	Name, Residence and official station of persons by whom married
June 25	Walter T. Karwowski, Jr.	Strafford, N. H.	24	W	Public Service	Connecticut	Walter T. Karwowski, Sr.	Mass.	S	Rev. James V. Gilrain
Somersworth, N. H.	Joan F. Daigle	Somersworth, N. H.	22	W	Public Service	New Hamp.	Margaret MacIntosh	Canada		Somersworth, N. H.
July 10	Edgar E. Burrows	Milton, N. H.	22	W	Truck Driver	New Hamp.	Joseph O. Daigle	N. H.	S	Catholic Priest
Strafford, N. H.	Miriam A. Huse	Strafford, N. H.	24	W	Factory Worker	New Hamp.	Mary E. Carrigan	N. H.		
August 4	Burton T. Hayes	Strafford, N. H.	19	W	Truck Driver	New Hamp.	Carl M. Burrows	Middletown, N. H.	S	Rev. Lester C. Holmes,
Northwood, N. H.	Idamay Hanson	Strafford, N. H.	17	W	Waitress	New Hamp.	Marion G. Rand	N. H.		Alfred, Me.
August 14	Clyde E. Huse	Strafford, N. H.	20	W	Maintenance	New Hamp.	Albert S. Huse	Beverly, Mass.	S	Baptist Clergyman
Strafford, N. H.	Beverlyanne Vincent	Strafford, N. H.	22	W	Waitress	Massachusetts	Louise E. Tuttle	Wenham, Mass.		
August 17	Raymond H. Conly	Laconia, N. H.	66	W	Retired	Vermont	Sumner B. Hayes	Ctr. Strafford, N. H.	S	Chester W. Doe,
Northwood, N. H.	Angelina E. Riel	Laconia, N. H.	52	W	Retired	Quebec	Ada E. Dean	Dublin, N. H.		Northwood, N. H.
September 6	Melvin A. Tiger	Poughkeepsie, N. Y.	23	W	Engineer	New York	Lewis P. Hanson	Strafford, N. H.	S	Minister of the Gospel
Strafford, N. H.	Barbara M. Hamilton	Winchester, Mass.	23	W	Nurse	Massachusetts	Beatrice V. Hall	Lynn, Mass.		
September 10	Calvin W. Thurston	New Durham, N. H.	22	W	Laborer	New Hamp.	Albert S. Huse	Beverly, Mass.	S	Rev. Lester C. Holmes,
Northwood, N. H.	Grace S. Roberts	Strafford, N. H.	16	W	None	New Hamp.	Louise E. Tuttle	Wenham, Mass.		Alfred, Me.
November 10	Oscar L. Buffington	Laconia, N. H.	55	W	Florist	Vermont	Irving L. Forsyth	Medford, Mass.	D	Baptist Clergyman
Northwood, N. H.	Wyona M. Spencer	Laconia, N. H	55	W	Shoe Worker	New Hamp.	Dorothea C. Dunn	Malden, Mass.		
							John E. Conly	Lowell, Mass.	S	Rev. Paul Vadeboncoeur,
							Nancy J. Prescott	St. Johnsbury, Vt.		Pittsfield, N. H.
							Celina Dufresne	St. Johns, Quebec	S	Roman Catholic Priest
							Cornelius A. Tiger	Quebec		
							Ruth A. Sheldon	New Jersey	S	John Snook, Jr.,
							Lawrence M. Hamilton	New York		Winchester, Mass.
							Pauline B. Ray	New York	S	Clergyman
							Walter S. Thurston	Mass.		
							Viola B. Eaton	Maine	S	Alvin C. Bacon,
							Sherman F. Roberts	Mass.		Northwood, N. H.
							Wyona M. Hutchinson	N. H.	S	Minister of the Gospel
							Charles A. Buffington	N. H.		
							Annie M. Mathews	E. Colebrook, N. H.	S	Chester W. Doe,
							Leon Hutchinson	Lemington, Vt.		Northwood, N. H.
							Etta Walker	Tilton, N. H.	D	Minister of the Gospel
								Dover, N. H.		

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF STRAFFORD, N. H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1955

Date of Death 1955	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Place of Birth	Sex	Condition	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Cause of Death
Mar. 26	Rochester	Ann L. Rogers	86			Glasgow, Scotland	F	W	W Housewife	William Petterson	Ann Prescott	Mesentric thrombosis
Mar. 29	Strafford	Alice O. Allen	82			Washington, D. C.	F	W	M School Teacher	James M. Ormes	Mary Hubbard	Generalized arteriosclerosis
Apr. 23	Strafford	Roscoe C. Nelson	65			Gilmenton Iron Works	M	W	M Janitor	Edwin F. Nelson	Ellen A. Nelson	Arteriosclerotic hrt. dis.
May 11	Dover	Millard Thompson	72			Pittsfield, N. H.	M	W	W Woodsman	Hiram S. Thompson	Nellie Frost	Cirrhosis of liver
May 12	Strafford	Edward H. Varney	62	2	27	Dover, N. H.	M	W	M Laborer	Fred Varney	Eva Foss	Coronany thrombosis
June 13	Manchester	Etta S. Waldron	61			New Hampshire	F	W	S Housekeeper	Charles W. Waldron	Lula Seward	Coronary occlusion
June 13	Strafford	Bessie B. Small	71			Pittsfield, N. H.	F	W	M Housewife	Wilbur Wolcott	Rena Jones	Coronary thrombosis
June 27	Concord	William H. Evans	84			Strafford, N. H	M	W	W Retired	Enoch Evans	Harriet Tuttle	Arteriosclerotic hrt. dis.
July 11	Northwood	Laura H. Caswell	84			Strafford, N. H.	F	W	W Housewife	Alvah V. Canney	Sophronia E. Hill	Chronic Myocarcitis
July 21	Rochester	Merle D. Penney	61			Waterville, Me.	M	W	M Retired	Frank W. Penney	Flora Bradbury	Acute coronary occlusion
July 24	Strafford	Viva L. Robinson	84			Cutler, Me.	F	W	M Housewife	Mark J. Davis	Martha Parker	Cerebral embolism
Aug. 23	Strafford	Charlotte A. Putnam	15			Boston, Mass.	F	W	S Student	James T. Putnam	Charlotte Emeno	Fracture of the skull
Aug. 31	Rochester	Bertha Winkley	75			Rochester, N. H.	F	W	W Housewife	Elbridge Howard	Sarah Howard	Cerebral vascular accident (throm.)
Nov. 15	Dover	Georgianna M. Wiggin	86			Dover, N. H.	F	W	W Housewife	Charles P. Montgomery	Mary E. Locke	Carcinoma of colon
Dec. 15	Strafford	Truman F. Dean	80			Francestown, N. H.	M	W	M Carpenter	James F. Dean	Mary E. Heard	Cerebrovascular accident